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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners: Robert G. Taub, Chairman;

Michael Kubayanda, Vice Chairman;

Mark Acton;

Ann C. Fisher; and Ashley E. Poling

Competitive Product Prices
Parcel Select Contract 34 (MC2019-188)
Negotiated Service Agreements

Docket No. CP2019-211

ORDER ON MOTIONS

(Issued December 4, 2019)

On August 26, 2019, the Commission approved Parcel Select Contract 34.¹ Order No. 5210 required the Postal Service to report contract-specific volumes, costs, and workhours on a quarterly basis for the duration of the contract, with each report due within 30 days of the completion of each quarter of the fiscal year. Order No. 5210 at 6.

The first such quarterly report was due on October 30, 2019. *Id.* On November 25, 2019, the Postal Service filed a motion for late acceptance of its first quarterly

¹ Docket Nos. MC2019-188 and CP2019-211, Order Adding Parcel Select Contract 34 to the Competitive Product List (Order No. 5210).

report, because finalized Revenue, Pieces, and Weight (RPW) data were not available prior to the deadline.²

Also on November 25, 2019, the Postal Service filed a motion to extend the deadline for its quarterly reports, identifying several factors which "cause significant challenges to the Postal Service in producing accurate and reliable quarterly data reports within [30] days after the close of each quarter." The Postal Service notes that ongoing implementation of the new Package Platform system complicates data compilation, and observes that "quarterly data reports produced within [30] days of the close of each quarter must necessarily rely on preliminary data that may change" once the RPW and Billing Determinant final data are available. Motion to Extend Reporting Deadline at 2. The Postal Service submits that extending the deadline to 60 days after the close of each quarter would produce more accurate data. *Id.* at 2-3.

The Commission agrees with the Postal Service that more accurate data is preferable. Additionally, no party has opposed the Motion to Extend Deadline. Accordingly, the Commission grants the Motion to Extend Deadline. Future quarterly reports in this Docket shall be filed within 60 days of the end of each quarter of the fiscal year, with the first such report (the third quarterly report) due March 2, 2020.

The Commission also grants the Motion for Late Acceptance.

² USPS Motion for Late Acceptance of First Quarterly Report, November 25, 2019, at 1 (Motion for Late Acceptance).

³ USPS Motion to Extend Deadline for Quarterly Reporting, November 25, 2019, at 1-2 (Motion to Extend Deadline).

It is ordered:

- 1. The Postal Service's Motion to Extend Deadline for Quarterly Reporting, filed November 25, 2019, is granted. Future quarterly reports in this Docket shall be filed within 60 days of the end of each quarter of the fiscal year, with the first such report due March 2, 2020.
- 2. The Postal Service's Motion for Late Acceptance of First Quarterly Report, filed November 25, 2019, is granted.

By the Commission.

Darcie S. Tokioka Acting Secretary